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25X1 1. Dr. Ivor NAGY, prominent member of the Anti-Fascist Committee of Ethnic Germans in VIENNA and SMA advisor on ethnic German matters [REDACTED] declared on 27 November 1949 that the covert propaganda for the Anti-Fascist Committee of Ethnic Germans in VIENNA is making extraordinary progress in Upper Austria. He said that he has informants in all DP camps and that they supply him with detailed information on the attitude of these ethnic Germans.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] the ethnic Germans from the Balkan countries are still thinking of repatriation, especially as the economic conditions in Austria are steadily deteriorating. These Germans apparently try to endure the new political conditions in their native country, while the Sudeten Germans remain definitely anti-Bolshevist. Anti-Bolshevist propaganda is strongest among the ethnic Germans from Transylvania, who form the only well organized and well directed ethnic group. The other ethnic Germans from Rumania are much more susceptible to the idea of repatriation. The desire for repatriation is also growing steadily among the ethnic Germans from Yugoslavia. Efforts must now be made to influence their leaders. This will be possible, as the Anti-Fascist Committee has good connections among them. The Anti-Fascist Committee's propaganda activities for the solution of the problem of the ethnic Germans along Soviet lines, by repatriation, are interfered with by the following factors:

25X1 a. Activity among Sudeten Germans of the anti-Bolshevist STORCH Committee (is chairman of the Anglo-Sudeten Club [REDACTED])

25X1 b. Close cooperation between ethnic Germans and the Association of the Independents (VdU), whereby the ethnic Germans may win the support and the backing of a party represented in parliament.

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c. Activities of the following individuals among the groups of the ethnic Germans:

Dr. KLINTZEL, secretary of the ethnic Germans from Transylvania. He lives in KAMMER on Lake Atter.

Pastor FLACHBARTH, leader of the ethnic Germans from Slovakia. He lives in LINZ.

Catholic priest HALTMAYER, refugee clergyman with the LINZ Caritas (welfare organization).

25X1 THIEL, refugee Catholic priest from Yugoslavia who now lives in GRAZ

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3. Professor SCHMIDT, member of the VIENNA Central Committee in the Central Information Office of Ethnic Germans and advisor on ethnic German matters with the VdU Headquarters

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